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Sir:

CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE, OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

U.S. Patent No. 5,837,531 is assigned to Aventis Pharma S.A., formerly Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, S.A., as assignee of the entire right, title and interest in said patent by virtue of an assignment from Jean-Francois DEDIEU, Aude LE ROUX, and Michel PERRICAUDET ("the Inventors") to Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, S.A. recorded at Reel 007974, Frame 0407. Copies of these papers are attached.

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